Vacancy of Judges in High Courts and Supreme Court

1064. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of posts of Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court are lying vacant for long; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) As on 1st March, 2001 the vacancy position in respect of Judges in the Supreme Court of India and in the High Courts was as follow:

Supreme Court of India	:	2
High Courts	:	183

Photo-Identity Cards for Ensuing Assembly Elections in Tamil Nadu

1065. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 63 percent of voters in Tamil Nadu have been provided with photo-identity cards for the ensuing Assembly Elections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the DMK party had brought certain flaws to the notice of the Election Commission on the issue of cards; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to rectify the same?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) A total of 65.25% of the electors have been issued photo-identity cards up to 28.2.2001.

(b) A copy of the statement showing detailed district-wise break-up regarding issue of photo-identity cards to electors in the State of Tamil Nadu as on 31.12.2000 is enclosed. (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir. The DMK party had brought to the notice of the Election Commission of India a procedural flaw relating to issue of photo-identity cards in 8-Anna Nagar Assembly Constituency in Tamil Nadu.

(d) The Election Commission has issued directives to the Chief Electoral Officer to implement the programme as per guidelines laid down in this regard by the Commission.

Statement

District-wise break-up regarding issue of Photo-Identity cards to electors in Tamil Nadu

Progress report as on 28.2.2001

Name of District	Electorate as on 1.1.1998	Electorate as on 1.1.2000	Electorate as on 1.1.2001	Phase-I	Phase-II	Round-I			Phase-II	Round II		
				Cards distributed	Photograph taken for new EPIC	New Epic prepared on-line and semi-on-line	New Epic Prepared off-line	Total No. of New EPIC distributed	Photograph taken for New EPIC	New Epic prepared on-line and semi-on-line	Total EPIC distributed in Phase I & II	% of cards distributed w.e.f. .2000 electorate
Chennai	2696231	3054084	0	1285864	279079	273118	0	273118	0	0	1558982	51.05
Thiruvallur	2331853	2547071	583404	1228170	260026	239490	0	239490	20708	0	1467660	57.62
Kancheepuram	2378344	2560495	2635366	1274472	230673	215126	0	215126	57139	56185	1545783	60.37
Vellore	2251601	2369040	2282190	1475689	232260	209219	0	208877	104116	46240	1718462	72.54
Tiruvannamalai	1569961	1638924	1661003	1033143	124560	108020	0	108020	94909	35800	1176963	71.81
Villupuram	2148937	2273091	2248495	1218623	288329	269983	0	269983	74118	27776	1516382	66.71
Cuddalore	1576503	1684649	1649396	965874	209188	202583	0	200649	49860	27578	1185207	70.35
Dharmapuri	1901446	1996092	0	1033583	242576	234804	0	234804	70155	65116	1333503	66.81
Salem	2127107	2246143	0	1240538	199904	191968	0	191968	76771	63941	1436851	63.97
Namakkal	1254002	1319517	1289342	737749	115115	107348	0	107348	55423	0	845097	64.05
Coimbatore	3259345	3391232	1463008	1911771	392318	363354	0	321877	112181	0	2233648	65.87
Erode	1945607	2029751	1944787	1225943	117314	113941	0	113941	65443	5311	1340109	66.02
Nilgiris	556176	574891	592458	340436	53744	49071	0	49071	27815	6609	389507	67.75
Dindigul	1414957	1487262	1429909	845839	149482	143602	0	141233	48767	20590	989102	66.50

Progress report as on 28.2.2001

Name of District	Electorate as on 1.1.1998	Electorate as on 1.1.2000	Electorate as on 1.1.2001	Phase-I Cards distributed	Phase-II Photograph taken for new EPIC	Round-I New Epic prepared on-line and semi-on-line	New Epic Prepared off-line	Total No. of New EPIC distributed	Phase-II Round II Photograph taken for New EPIC	New Epic prepared on-line and semi-on-line	Total EPIC distributed in Phase I & II	% of cards distributed w.e.f 2000 electorate
Theni	924570	962418	0	573808	84809	78657	0	78657	27577	25345	677810	70.43
Madurai	2006264	2134808	0	1145917	292824	266054	0	244925	4872	0	1390842	65.15
Karur	779714	812352	773230	460522	96524	93814	0	93814	25274	10620	560121	68.95
Perambalur	846655	885829	896858	581893	77689	68565	0	61114	47293	26233	647007	73.04
Tiruchirapalli	1707375	1802957	0	916920	218197	200543	0	200543	99908	41805	1117463	61.98
Nagapattinam	962765	1009506	968787	600750	123092	88169	0	85953	49932	0	686703	68.02
Tiruvarur	696691	726353	722921	457290	88597	84240	0	84240	26447	0	541530	74.55
Thanjavur	1716557	1788189	1781951	1045097	199494	167597	0	153212	72490	20775	1198309	67.01
Pudukkottai	1022210	1054666	1046473	640153	107144	99251	0	98292	44863	0	738445	70.02
Shivaganga	861613	908558	848187	479267	62104	62104	0	62104	39505	0	541371	59.59
Ramanathapuram	937220	965643	0	520482	114571	107003	0	107003	27985	12021	627485	64.98
Virdhunagar	1193044	1250372	1237229	751806	133783	121696	0	120207	40431	10186	873513	69.86
Toothukudi	1213440	1266779	1290350	702924	114724	102084	0	82175	63966	800	785099	61.98
Tirunelveli	1896643	1959319	1976830	1226467	122388	115328	0	113275	52115	0	1339742	68.38
Kanniyakuman	1200492	1241757	1282838	734439	100008	88286	0	85036	23108	10346	819475	65.99
	45577323	47941748		26655329	4830516	4465018	0	4346055	1503167	513277	31282171	65.25